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1. Lt. Col. Sergiev, a Soviet Air Force officer now in Vienna, has purchased 12 large concrete mixers and has ordered 27 more from Bahnbedarf, Neu Erlaa. In addition, he is looking for concrete-laying machinery and other construction equipment. [REDACTED] this material is to be delivered to Ut Es Vasutepitö Namzeti Valalat" (National Highway and Railway Construction Corporation), Papa, Hungary, and is allegedly to be used in the construction of airfields at Mukachevo and Papa. [REDACTED] the thickness of concrete poured for the runways is to be 250 mm.*

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* [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] it was reported [REDACTED] that orders from Lt. Col. Sergiev had precedence at Bahnbedarf over those for Wismut A.G., the uranium mining company in Eastern Germany. This seemed to indicate that the Soviets attached considerable importance to the construction of airfields in Hungary. Unless the 250 mm thickness of concrete includes a part of the foundation of the runways, it would appear that the airfields are to be designed for heavy aircraft.

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